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COX REFLECTS ON CAREER OF MONOMOY GIRL

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021) – **Spendthrift Farm** and trainer **Brad Cox** announced Wednesday afternoon the retirement of multiple champion mare **Monomoy Girl**. Cox reflected Thursday about Monomoy Girl and what she's meant to his career.

"She's simply a remarkable mare and has meant the world to my career," Cox said. "She's given her owners a lot of joy throughout her career. We knew as a barn we weren't going to do anything with her if she wasn't 100 percent. It took us awhile to get her back last year. She's rewarded us in such a big way. She owes us nothing and will always be special to us. She was our first (Kentucky) Oaks winner and Breeders' Cup winner and a multiple champion. She matured a lot throughout her career. Going into the Breeders' Cup (in 2020) she trained with such a purpose each day. It was hard to imagine her works being better than when she was a 3-year-old but she was more aggressive in her training and really blossomed on the racetrack."

Owned in partnership by **My Racehorse Stable**, Spendthrift Farm and **Madaket Stables**, Monomoy Girl – a sure-fire future Hall of Famer – retired Wednesday with \$4,776,818 in career purse earnings with an outstanding record of 17-14-3-0.

The speedy daughter of **Tapizar** grew to stardom after starting her career a perfect 3-for-3. Following a neck defeat in the 2017 Golden Rod (GII), Monomoy Girl stormed to victory in five straight races including the 2018 Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI). She ended her 3-year-old campaign with one-length win in the Breeders' Cup Distaff (GI). At the end of the season, she was awarded the Eclipse Award for outstanding 3-year-old filly.

Monomoy Girl spent the next 18 months on the sidelines due to injury but returned for her 5-year-old campaign which included victories in the La Troienne (GI) and Breeders' Cup Distaff (GI). She was awarded the Eclipse Award for Older Dirt Female in 2020.

There were only two races Monomoy Girl didn't go off as the favorite: the 2017 Rags to Riches (3-1) and Kentucky Oaks (5-2).

Monomoy Girl raced at eight different racetracks and recorded victories on the dirt and turf. Jockey **Florent Geroux** was partnered with Monomoy Girl for 16 starts. **Marcelino Pedroza** rode her to victory in her debut at Indiana Grand.

Monomoy Girl was purchased at the 2016 Keeneland September Yearling Sale by **BSW Bloodstock** and agent **Liz Crow** for \$100,000. Crow reflected Wednesday on social media about the career of Monomoy Girl.

"(She) was the mare of a lifetime," Crow said. "There is truly no way to thank her for what she's done for everyone involved. Monomoy Girl brought people together and changed lives."

Cox stated Monomoy Girl will be retired to Spendthrift Farm.

CARRIBEAN CAPER MADE EVEN-MONEY FAVORITE IN SATURDAY'S \$275,000 DOGWOOD – **Columbine Stable's** undefeated 3-year-old filly **Carribean Capar** was made the even-money favorite in Saturday's 46th running of the \$275,000 Dogwood Stakes (Grade III) at Churchill Downs.

The seven-furlong Dogwood drew a compact field of seven 3-year-old fillies and was carded as Race 8 with a post time of 4:22 p.m. (all times Eastern). Saturday's 11-race card features a stakes trio including the inaugural runnings of the \$275,000 Bourbon Trail and \$275,000 Harrods Creek, both for 3-year-olds. First post is 12:45 p.m.

Trained by **Al Stall Jr.**, Carribean Capar began her career at Fair Grounds with a scintillating eight-length score. The daughter of Speightstown then cruised to a 4 ½-length first-level allowance victory at Keeneland. Following three months away from the races, Carribean Capar returned in a conditioned allowance event at Ellis Park where she dominated four rivals by 4 ½ lengths. In her most recent start, the Kentucky-bred defeated **Magic Quest** by one-length in the \$100,000 Audubon Oaks at Ellis. **Colby Hernandez**, who has been aboard Carribean Capar for all four of her lifetime starts, will ride from post No. 2.

The complete Dogwood field from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Coppelia** (Martin Garcia, Phil Bauer, 15-1); Carribean caper (Hernandez, Stall, even-money); **Li'l Tootsie** (James Graham, Tom Amoss, 3-1); **Malloy** (Joe Talamo, Wayne Catalano, 10-1); **Shesa Mystery** (Miguel Mena, Jeff Hiles, 10-1); **Patty H** (Julien Leparoux, Mike Miceli, 7-2); and **Someone Said So** (Adam Beschizza, Coty Rosin, 15-1).

In Saturday's Bourbon Trail, **Fern Circle Stables** and **Three Chimneys Farm's** graded stakes winner **King Fury** was tabbed as the 6-5 morning line choice in the field of seven 3-year-olds.

Here is the complete field for the Bourbon Trail, which will go as Race 9 at 4:55 p.m.: **Gagetown** (Martin Gracia, Brad Cox, 4-1); **King's Ovation** (Joe Talamo, Dale Romans, 15-1); **Dr Jack** (Tyler Gaffalione, Todd Pletcher, 4-1); **King Fury** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Kenny McPeck, 6-5); **Angkor** (Adam Beschizza, Phil Bauer, 20-1); **Bourbon Thunder** (Chris Landeros, Ian Wilkes, 5-1); and **Sermononthemount** (James Graham, Tom Amoss, 5-1).

The Saturday stakes action will conclude in Race 10 for the seven-furlong Harrods Creek. **Clearview Stables'** \$250,000 St. Louis Derby runner-up **Irish Unity** was slated as the tepid 3-1 favorite in the field of 10 3-year-olds.

The complete field for the Harrods Creek from the rail out: **Dreamer's Disease** (David Cohen, Robertino Diodoro, 5-1); **Ram** (Rafael Bejarano, D. Wayne Lukas, 15-1); **Bob's Edge** (Adam Beschizza, Larry Jones, 8-1); **He'smyhoneybadger** (Martin Garcia, Brad Cox, 6-1); **Emerald Forest** (Jose Guerrero, Shane Wilson, 7-2); **Shadow Matter** (Corey Lanerie, Dallas Stewart, 8-1); **Irish Unity** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Steve Asmussen, 3-1); **Wolfie's Dynaghost** (Tyler Gaffalione, Tom Albertrani, 6-1); **Flags Up** (James Graham, Jimmy Baker, 20-1); and **Everett's Song** (Pablo Morales, Dale Bennett, 15-1).

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCHILL DOWNS – Racing resumed Thursday at Churchill Downs with a first post of 5 p.m. for Twilight Thursday presented by Blue Moon. The eight-race program featured a \$134,000 conditioned allowance event where **Lael Stable's Reagan's Edge** was tabbed as the 5-2 favorite as she dropped in class from graded stakes competition. Fans were able to enjoy \$1 Blue Moon and select domestic draft beer, local food trucks and live music from hip hop group **Kr8vN8vs**.

Racing Friday-Sunday will have first posts of 12:45 p.m.

Sunday is **Family Adventure Day presented by Kroger**. Families are encouraged to bring the kids to Churchill Downs for a day of racing and family activities including inflatables, a petting zoo, stick horse races, face painting and more. Special happenings include a **Churchill Charlie** walk-around meet and greet, **United States Tennis Association** (USTA) tennis workshop; interaction with the **Kentucky Department of Agriculture's** Mobile Science Activity Center; exploring the game of golf with **First Tee**; and learning about **FBI Louisville** safety programs.

Tickets for adults and children age 3 and up are \$10 when purchased online in advance at www.ChurchillDowns.com, and include unlimited access to all kid-friendly activities through 5 p.m. Churchill Downs is also offering a Family Four Pack that includes four Family Adventure Day reserved seat tickets: \$36 (first-floor reserved) or \$44 (third-floor reserved).

Fans who are unable to make it to Churchill Downs for the races can download and watch all the action on the **Churchill Downs LIVE app**. The Churchill Downs LIVE app is available free of charge on Amazon, Apple TV and Roku and features full access to the HD live stream of the Churchill Downs simulcast signal and three additional angles including the Saddling Paddock.

MEET LEADERS – Jockey **Tyler Gaffalione** jumped to a quick lead in the rider standings through three days of racing with six victories. **Florent Geroux** was in second with five wins. ... **Norm Casse** led all trainers with three wins. There was a seven-way tie for second with two victories between **Steve Asmussen**, **Rodolphe Brisset**, **Jimmy DiVito**, **Tommy Drury Jr.**, **Brian Lynch**, **Dale Romans** and **Joe Sharp**. ... **WinStar Farm** and **Siena Farm** led the owner's standings with two wins.

DOWN THE STRETCH – Jockeys **Jon Court**, **Florent Geroux** and **Ricardo Santana Jr.** will be at Parx on Saturday for the Pennsylvania Derby card. On Sunday, Court and Santana will then travel to Remington Park for their Oklahoma Derby program. They'll be joined in the jockey's quarters by fellow local riders **David Cohen**, **James Graham**, **Reylu Gutierrez**, **Joe Rocco Jr.** and **Joe Talamo**. ... "**Inside Churchill Downs**" will return to the airwaves Friday at 6 p.m. on ESPN 680/105.7. The one-hour horse racing program can be streamed online at www.espnloouisville.com. ... For more information about racing this week at Churchill Downs and to purchase tickets, visit www.churchilldowns.com/tickets.

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